

CVS CRIER

CVS Snow Removal Policies

Winter is here, and along with it comes snow. The objective of snow “removal” service is to keep the streets and sidewalks passable and safe to navigate. It is a generally accepted premise that a covering of packed powder snow is safer and easier to negotiate than a slick covering that may be left when a snowplow has passed over the roads.

Of course, there comes a time when the snow is so thick the road is impassable. Contractors are typically asked to begin clearing the streets when snowfall reaches a depth of about two inches. However, if snow is still falling, the contractor is to “open” the streets. This process continues periodically until the snow stops.

Information on the county’s snow removal policies begins on page 3 of this newsletter.

Shoveling Out

Please be a courteous neighbor and do not

park in a spot that has been shoveled by another homeowner. Also, do not shovel your snow back into the street area to ensure the streets remain safe and passable.

Sidewalks

The county requires all able bodied homeowners to shovel the sidewalks in front of their houses, when the sidewalks lie on county property. *(Please see page 4 for more information on county policy, including reporting sidewalks not shoveled.)*

The asphalt bike paths belong to the community and do not come under

county jurisdiction, but for those who have these paths behind their houses, please try and be



good neighbors and shovel these out whenever possible.

Please do not use salt after clearing your sidewalk or parking area. Doing this will cause tremendous hardship to the community because the salt erodes the concrete and asphalt, which must be replaced at community expense. Instead, use a sand based product.

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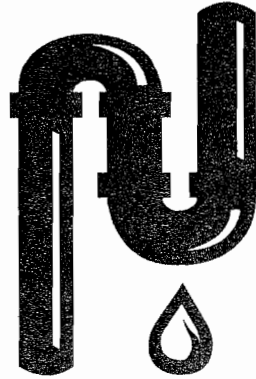
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Winterizing Your Home

There are many simple things homeowners can do to winterize their homes, but one of the easiest and most valuable is to turn off the water that leads to outside faucets. A majority of shut off valves are located in the basement, or perhaps on the side of the house or at an outside hose bib where the water supply enters your home. After the pipe is shut off, open the outside faucet and allow the remaining water to run out.

Water that remains in outside

pipes could freeze, causing the pipes to burst within walls or in basements. Following this simple



rule could save hundreds, if not thousands of dollars in repair costs.

Another concern to consider when winterizing your

house is heavy snow accumulation.

Watch for snow accumulation on the leeward (downwind) side of a higher-level roof, where blowing snow will collect. For safe removal that won't endanger you or damage your roof, consult a roofing contractor for a referral.

Remove snow from basement stairwells, window wells and all walls. Melting snow can lead to water damage and moisture intrusion.

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Names and Dates

Board Meeting Dates for Churchill Village South:

CVS meetings start at 7:30 pm on the second Wednesday of each month, except December, when there is no meeting. The Architectural Review Board meets a half-hour before the regular meetings (7 pm).

January 11

February 8

March 8

April 12

May 10

June 14

July 12

August 9

September 13—Draft Budget Meeting

October 11—Approve Budget

October 14—Annual Meeting

November 8

December—No Meeting

The 2006 Churchill Village South Board of Directors:

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Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About County Snow Removal

Who plows Montgomery County streets? The County clears 4,701 miles of county-maintained lane miles. See FAQs #2 and #3 for non-county streets.

If the county doesn't plow my street, how do I find out who does? Municipalities, such as Rockville, Gaithersburg, Takoma Park, or the smaller jurisdictions in the County, clear their own streets.

Who clears state highways, such as I-270? The Maryland State Highway Administration clears all numbered routes such as Georgia Avenue (Maryland Route 97) in the County. Check the State website at <http://www.sha.state.md.us/> for information they may provide about snow removal on State roads.

Who else clears roads and parking lots? Montgomery County Public Schools, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Metro, homeowners associations, commercial property owners, and others clear snow from their properties.

How soon does the County start plowing? During the snowstorm, no plowing begins until there are 3 inches of snow on the streets.

What happens if there are less than 3 inches of snow on the streets? Bridges and elevated roadways are spot salted. Major County Roads and Primary Neighborhood Streets are salted.

What happens if there is 3 or more inches of snow on the roads? All major County roads and primary neighborhood streets get plowed, salted, and cleared while it's snowing.

What happens when the snowfall ends?

1. Plow all major County roads and primary neighborhood streets and clear to bare pavement.
2. Plow all Residential Streets with at least one pass and spot sand when necessary.
3. Spread abrasives on hills, intersections on residential streets, and on roads around schools.

Will the snow plow ever completely clear my residential street down to bare pavement? The goal is to make residential streets passable -- not to clear them to bare pavement. Plowing to bare pavement requires salting at the beginning of the snowfall. Resource and environmental constraints prevent our doing this on every residential street.

How long will it take to finish plowing all the streets? Crews work continuously around the clock until all 2,400 miles of County-maintained streets are passable. Here's a guideline, but remember that the type of snow (wet or powdery) or changing weather conditions may alter it:

It takes about 16 hours following the end of a 3-inch snowfall to plow and/or treat every County road once.

Within 24 to 36 hours after a 10-inch snowfall, you can expect major and primary County roads to be cleared and one plowing pass made through neighborhood streets.

After a 15-inch snowfall, our crews should complete snow plowing in about 35 to 40 hours.

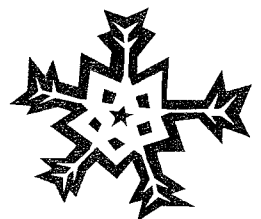
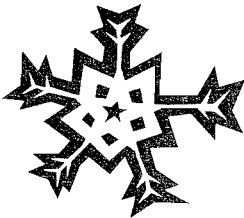
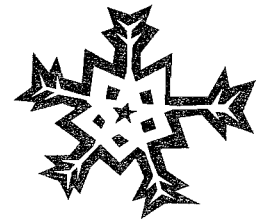
After a 24-inch snowfall, our crews should complete the work in about 48 to 60 hours.

How do I check the status of County snow removal efforts? Please check DPWT's Transportation Information page for the latest news. You can also call Highway Maintenance at 240-777-ROAD.

How do I report that the snow plows missed my street? Go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/dpwt/operations/addlog.cfm> to fill in an online form.

What is a snow emergency route? Prominent red and white signs designate certain roads as snow emergency routes that are kept clear throughout storms for police, fire, and other emergency vehicles. Both the State of Maryland and Montgomery County have snow emergency routes and, by listening to news broadcasts, you can find out when a snow emergency plan has been declared. Note that the State and County do not always declare snow emergencies at the same time.

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Q & A on County Snow Removal, Continued



If a snow emergency is declared, what restrictions are implemented? When the State or County designates a snow emergency, it's illegal on snow emergency routes to drive without snow tires, mud/snow radials or chains or park on these roads.

What is a major county road? Major arterial roads connecting subdivisions or business districts, such as Democracy Boulevard or Shady Grove Road.

What is a primary neighborhood street? Main collector streets through subdivisions, such as Lamberton Drive, Dufief Drive, and Flower Hill Way.

What is a neighborhood street? All other side streets.

What resources does the County have to remove snow? The County calls on 200 employees, 195 pieces of snow removal equipment, and 35,500 tons of salt and sand during snow

removal operations.

What do I contact in an emergency? Call the Police and Fire Departments at 911 **only** in life threatening emergencies or for emergency Fire and Rescue services. The Police and Fire Departments will contact the Highway Maintenance Section if an emergency vehicle needs assistance to maneuver on a snow or ice-covered street.

What if I need help, but it's not an emergency? The Police non-emergency number is 301-279-8000. For other assistance, call the County's Volunteer Center at 240-777-2600.

I have a four-wheel drive vehicle – how do I volunteer to help those who may need assistance? Call the County's Volunteer Center at 240-777-2600.

What else can volunteers do? Offer to assist disabled residents in your neighborhood with sidewalk snow shoveling. Or, call the County's Volunteer Center at 240-777-2600.

Who clears sidewalks of snow? Property owners are responsible for clearing public sidewalks on or adjacent to their property within 24 hours of the end of a snowstorm. All residents are strongly encouraged to be good neighbors by clearing the sidewalks in front of their homes, as well as assisting those who may not be physically able to do so.

What if I need help clearing my sidewalk? Snow shoveling services are offered for a fee by Casa de Maryland, a non-profit organization. Call 301-431-4177 or 301-431-4185 to request assistance.

How can I report uncleared sidewalks? Use the County's online form to report a sidewalk that remains unshoveled more than 24 hours after the end of the last snowfall. DPWT will use the information you provide to send a letter to the property owner informing them of the county law and encouraging them to be good neighbors by clearing the sidewalks in front of their property. To report a location please use the County's "Report an Unshoveled Sidewalk" form located at:
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/DPWT/sidewalk/sidewalk.cfm>.

A county snow plow damaged my mailbox. What should I do? The county will install a standard post and mailbox at your residence as soon as we have finished all snow plowing. Call us at 240-777-7623 or go to Snow Assistance to file a report. If you have a non-standard mailbox, call the County's Risk Management Division at 240-777-8920. In the meantime, we will install a temporary mailbox.



ATTENTION WILLOW COVE MANOR CONDOMINIUM HOMEOWNERS!

Willow Cove Manor Condominium is looking for Board members. If you would like to serve on the Board of Directors and be a part of your community, please contact Annie Geralis @ Vanguard Management at 301-540-8600 ext 3307 or email to ageralis@vanguardmgt.com We look forward to hearing from you!

Winterizing Your Home, Continued

Keep your attic well ventilated to maintain a temperature close to that of the outdoors to minimize the risk of ice dams forming. A warm attic melts snow on the roof, causing water to run down and refreeze at the roof's edge, where it's much cooler. If ice builds up and blocks water

from draining, water is forced under the roof covering and into your attic or down the inside walls of your house. In addition to keeping your attic insulated and ventilated, keeping the gut-

Ice dams can cause leakage and water damage.

ters clear of leaves and debris also helps prevent ice damming.

For more information on winterizing your home go to weather.com and click on home and garden.

Community Bulletin Board

Family New Year's Eve Party

There will be a family New Year's Eve party at the CVS Community Center from 7-12:30 pm on Sunday, December 31. The cost is \$50 per family, plus a side dish or dessert that serves 10 to 12. Costs cover a D.J., the main course of the dinner, party favors and other goodies, and the champagne toast for adults. Any other alcohol must be provided by the adult partygoers (BYOB). All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

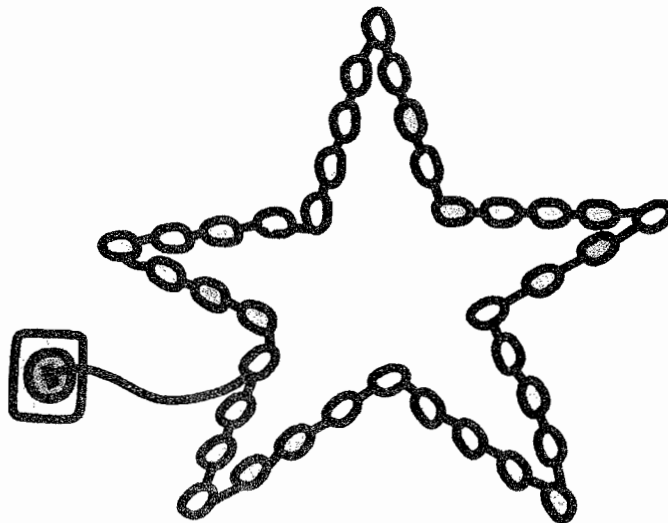
This is NOT a Churchill Village South sponsored event; however, all residents of the

community are welcome to attend. Please RVSP to Juliet Raines (301-353-9352) or Mary Heckhaus (301-540-6855) by December 20.

Winter Lights Festival

The Winter Lights Festival, which began November 25, will run through January 1, 2006, at Seneca Creek State Park located at 11950 Clopper Road,

Gaithersburg, Maryland. Winter Lights will be open Sunday through Thursday, from 6 to 9 pm, and Friday and Saturday, from 6 to 10 pm. The festival will be closed on December 25th. Admission is only \$10.00 per car on Sunday through Thursday and \$12.00 per car on Friday and Saturday.



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Notice Regarding the Retaining Walls:

Those involved in the retaining wall project are in the process of obtaining building permits from the county. Updated information about this project will be available in the next newsletter.

Montgomery County Public Schools

As a public service, *The CVS Crier* is publishing this year's MCPS calendar. For more information about county schools, visit the MCPS website at: <http://mcps.k12.md.us/index.cfm>.

2005/2006 Calendar for Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS)

2005

Jul. 4	Monday	Holiday*—Independence Day
Aug. 23–26	Tuesday–Friday	Professional days for teachers
Aug. 29	Monday	First day of school for students
Sep. 5	Monday	Holiday*—Labor Day
Sep. 28	Wednesday	Early release day K-12**—Grading/planning
Oct. 4	Tuesday	Rosh Hashanah—No school for students and teachers
Oct. 13	Thursday	Yom Kippur—No school for students and teachers
Oct. 21	Friday	MSTA Convention—No school for students/teachers
Oct. 31	Monday	First marking period ends
Nov. 1	Tuesday	Professional day for teachers—No school for students—report card prep/planning
Nov. 10	Thursday	Early release day K-8**—Parent conferences, report cards distributed
Nov. 11	Friday	Early release day K-8**—Parent conferences, Veteran's Day
Nov. 24 & 25	Thursday & Friday	Holidays*—Thanksgiving
Dec. 26	Monday	Holiday*—Christmas
Dec. 27–30	Tuesday–Friday	Winter break—No school for students and teachers

2006

Jan. 2	Monday	Holiday*—New Year's
Jan. 16	Monday	Holiday*—Martin L. King, Jr., Day
Jan. 20	Friday	Second marking period ends
Jan. 23	Monday	Professional day for teachers (some 10-month employees work)—No school for students
Feb. 2	Thursday	Report cards distributed
Feb. 20	Monday	Holiday*—Presidents' Day
Feb. 27	Monday	Early release day K-12**—Grading/planning
Mar. 30	Thursday	Third marking period ends
Mar. 31	Friday	Professional day for teachers—No school for students
Apr. 10–13	Monday–Thursday	Spring break—No school for students and teachers
Apr. 14 & 17	Friday & Monday	Holidays*—Easter (Note: Passover begins at sunset on Wednesday, April 12)
Apr. 19	Wednesday	Report cards distributed
29-May	Monday	Holiday*—Memorial Day
Jun. 14	Wednesday	Last day of school for students; students dismissed after lunch
Jun. 15	Thursday	Professional day for teachers
Jun. 23	Friday	Report cards mailed

Another Successful (And Scary) CVS Halloween Party



Season's Greetings

